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**Statement by H.E. Mr. Mogens Lykketoft,  
President of the 70<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly,  
at the closing of the informal briefing on Syria by the Special Envoy  
of the UNSG for Syria Mr de Mistura, USG for humanitarian affairs  
& emergency relief coordinator Mr O'Brien and ASG for human  
rights Mr Šimonović**

Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, we have reached the end of today's briefing.

Let me once again thank Special Envoy de Mistura, Under-Secretary-General & emergency relief coordinator Mr O'Brien and Assistant Secretary-General Mr Šimonović for joining us today.

A crisis of this magnitude, where so much harm has already been caused and where so many lives remain in jeopardy, demands that all of us do what we can to help sustain the momentum in support of a political solution to the Syria crisis.

I hope therefore that this briefing has been beneficial to the membership and I strongly encourage this Assembly to remain seized of this subject into the future for as long as is necessary.

Thank you.